



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 658**

January Session, 2015

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1000

*Senate, April 15, 2015*

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD-BORNE DISEASE OUTBREAKS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2       to study cases of food-borne disease outbreak originating from a public  
3       eating place, as defined in section 22-127 of the general statutes. The  
4       task force shall consider the type of information that is communicated  
5       to members of the public after a case of such food-borne disease  
6       outbreak is confirmed and the manner of such communication. For  
7       purposes of this section, "food-borne disease outbreak" means an  
8       incident in which two or more persons experience a similar illness  
9       resulting from the ingestion of a food or beverage that originated from  
10      a common source and is contaminated with chemicals or infectious  
11      agents.

12      (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

13      (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
14      who shall be a representative of the Connecticut Restaurant

15 Association;

16 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who  
17 shall be a local director of health;

18 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
19 Representatives, who shall be a person who experienced an illness  
20 directly linked to a food-borne disease outbreak originating from a  
21 public eating place;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
23 a qualified food operator;

24 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
25 Representatives, one of whom shall be a wholesale food supplier;

26 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of  
27 whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Food Association;

28 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
29 designee; and

30 (8) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the  
31 commissioner's designee.

32 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
33 (2), (3) or (4) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
34 General Assembly.

35 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
36 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
37 filled by the appointing authority.

38 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
39 pro tempore of the Senate shall select two chairpersons of the task  
40 force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons  
41 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held  
42 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

43 (f) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a report  
44 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees  
45 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
46 public health and general law, in accordance with the provisions of  
47 section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall include, but  
48 need not be limited to, recommendations on apprising members of the  
49 public after a case of food-borne disease outbreak at a public eating  
50 place has been confirmed. The task force shall terminate on the date  
51 that it submits such report or January 1, 2016, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**PH**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 16 to those agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

**The Out Years**

There is no ongoing fiscal impact because the task force terminates in FY 16.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/27/2015)